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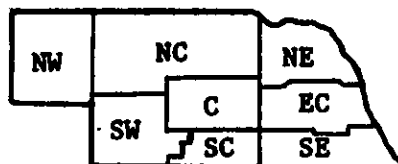
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WEATHER

Temperatures were around two degrees above normal over the Panhandle and around twelve degrees above normal over the central and east. Only trace amounts of precipitation were reported across the State except less than a tenth of an inch over the northeast corner of Nebraska.

GENERAL

Temperatures during the month of December averaged below normal with precipitation generally light and scattered. At the end of the month, average snow cover in Nebraska was 4.4 inches mostly in the Panhandle, north central and southwestern Nebraska. Reduced snow cover in the southern, central and eastern counties allowed producers to resume harvesting operations and in many cases complete corn harvesting. However, several fields remained to be harvested in some Panhandle, north central and extreme northeastern counties. Statewide, an estimated two percent of the corn acreage remains to be harvested. Machinery maintenance and repair was widespread along with attendance at farm meetings and sales. Much time was being spent on

GENERAL (Cont.)

preparing cash flow statements and tax returns.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition rated 4% poor, 24% fair, 63% good and 9% excellent. Snow cover remained adequate over the Panhandle and portions of north central and south-western Nebraska, but had melted or had been greatly reduced over the remainder of the State. Some evidence of winter kill due to erosion and uprooting was reported in some central and southeastern counties. More snow cover would provide better protection and aid moisture demands this spring.

LIVESTOCK

Snow cover throughout most of December reduced availability of stalks for grazing and increased hay and feed usage thus far this winter. Feed grain and hay supplies in Nebraska were average or above except in the Panhandle and north central counties. Extremely cold temperatures and shortages of grazing and hay supplies in the western counties have forced many ranchers to buy hay and feed supplies or sell cattle.

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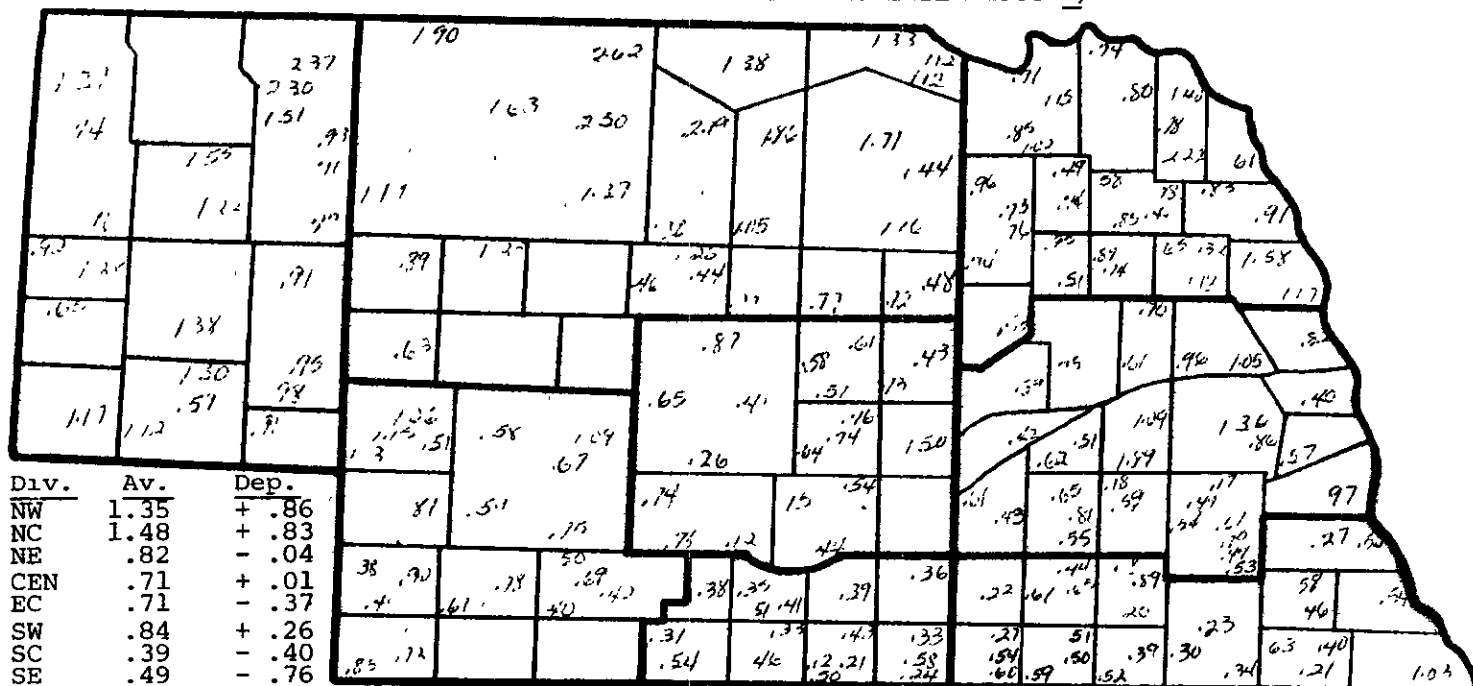
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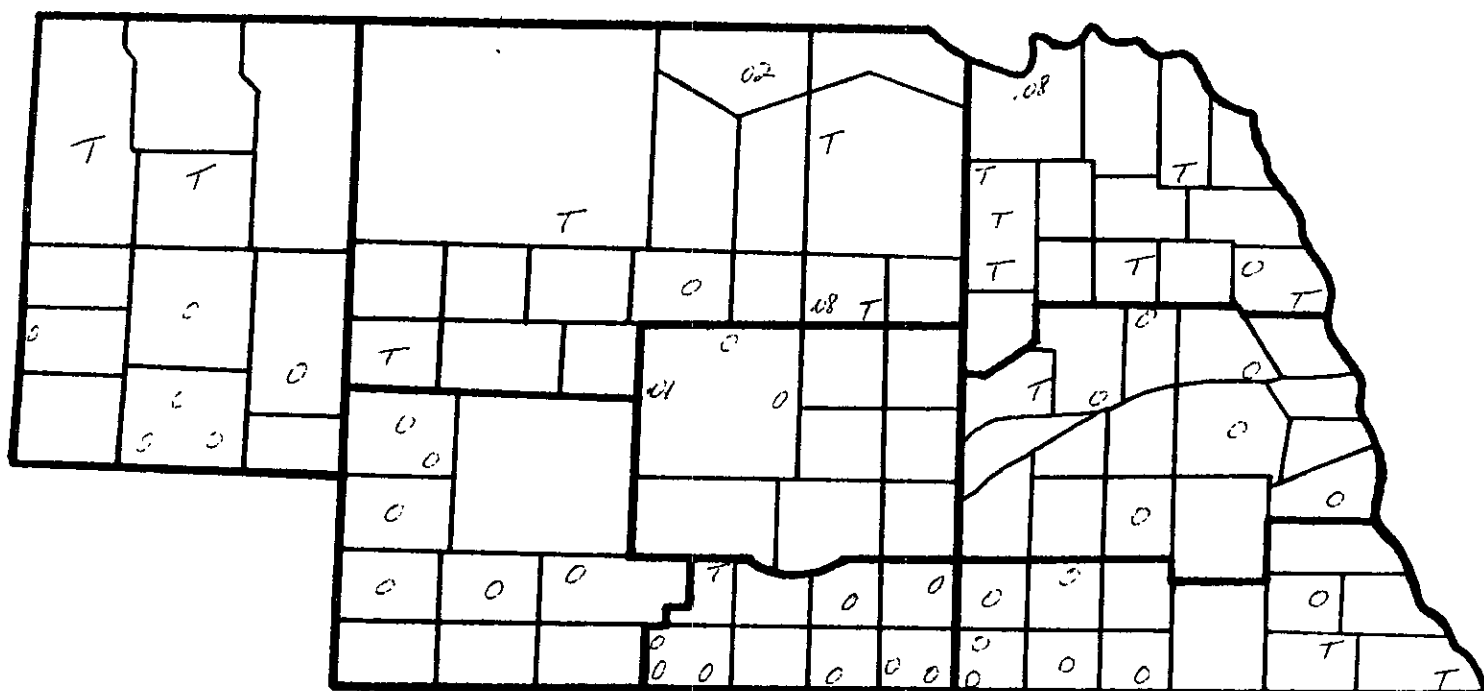
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1985 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1986

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	44	2	23	--	0
	Scottsbluff	46	2	25	+1	.01
	Sidney	42	4	23	--	0
NC	Ord	49	13	29	--	0
	Valentine	38	4	32	+12	T
NE	Norfolk	45	11	29	+11	.01
	Sioux City	40	4	25	+8	.06
CEN	Grand Island	50	14	32	+11	T
EC	Lincoln	48	12	31	+10	0
	Omaha	45	11	30	+10	T
SW	Imperial	50	12	30	--	0
	North Platte	42	6	24	+2	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.